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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER MORO CONCERNING CYPRUS

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. PLEASE DELIVER AT EARLIEST INSTANCE THE FOLLOWING
PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
MORO:

2. BEGIN TEXT

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE KEPT IN FREQUENT TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR
ORTONA HERE ON THE EVENTS IN CYPRUS, I DID WANT TO EXPRESS
TO YOU PERSONALLY THE CONCERN WE HAVE FELT OVER THIS
SITUATION, A CONCERN WHICH I KNOW HAS BEEN SHARED BY YOUR
GOVERNMENT AND OUR OTHER ALLIES IN EUROPE.

WE HOPE, OF COURSE, THAT THE CEASE FIRE AGREED TO ON MONDAY
BY THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS WILL BE THE FIRST STEP
IN RESTORING STABILITY TO THE AREA. OUR GOAL SINCE THE
OUTSET OF THIS CRISIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMATION OF THE
INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND A
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RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. AFTER THE LANDING OF

TURKISH FORCES ON THE ISLAND, OUR PRIMARY CONCERN BECAME

THAT OF PREVENTING THE OUTBREAK OF WAR BETWEEN TWO MEMBERS OF THE NATO ALLIANCE, AVOIDING ANY INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE SITUATION, AND AT THE SAME TIME KEEPING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF A SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUES ON CYPRUS ALONG CONSTITUTIONAL LINES. WE OF COURSE REGRETTED THE UNILATERAL MILITARY ACTION JUST AS WE HAD REGRETTED THE UNILATERAL ATTEMPT TO CHANGE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE ISLAND. THE PROBLEM THAT IS BEFORE US IS HOW TO RESTORE STABILITY IN CYPRUS WHILE AVOIDING A WAR BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

I KNOW YOU SHARE OUR STRONG FEELING THAT SUCH AN EVENTUALITY WOULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR SECURITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, FOR THE FUTURE OF NATO AND FOR THE ENTIRE FABRIC OF RELATIONSHIPS IN THAT AREA. OUR APPROACH SINCE THE BEGINNING HAS BEEN THAT THIS SITUATION DEEPLY AFFECTED NATO AND THE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THAT WE SHOULD THEREFORE WORK IN THE VERY CLOSEST COOPERATION WITH OUR ALLIES. I AM GRATIFIED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SUCH A UNANIMITY OF VIEWS WITH REGARD TO THE OBJECTIVES TO BE PURSUED. I KNOW HOW STRONGLY ITALY HAS SHARED OUR FEELING OVER THE PAST YEAR ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVED TRANSATLANTIC CONSULTATIONS. I THINK WE CAN BOTH DRAW CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION FROM THE FACT THAT CONSULTATION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON WHAT HAS BEEN A MOST COMPLICATED SITUATION HAS BEEN EXEMPLARY.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO STRESS THAT WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY GRATIFIED BY THE CONCRETE ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY ITALY AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN URGING UPON THE PARTIES RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND LATER IN ADVOCATING A CEASE FIRE AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GUARANTOR POWERS.

NOW THAT A CEASE FIRE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND GREECE AND TURKEY HAVE AGREED TO MEET UNDER BRITISH AUSPICES IN
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GENEVA, I KNOW YOU SHARE OUR HOPE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL MOVE THE SITUATION TOWARD A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE PARTIES INVOLVED. I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT THAT ITALY HAS GIVEN TO THE INTENSE EFFORTS WE HAVE MADE TO RESOLVE A PROBLEM OF SUCH VITAL CONCERN TO THE ALLIANCE. I KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON YOUR CONTINUING COOPERATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD TOWARD THE GOAL OF PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER.

END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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